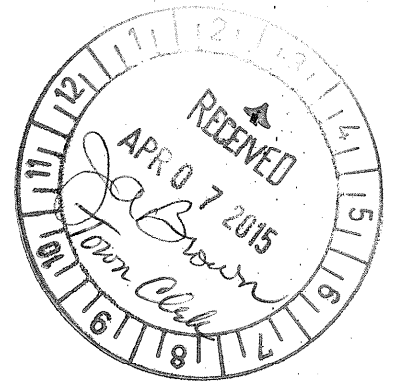




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**MEETING OF MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2014**

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

**6:00 P.M. Call to Order** By Selectman Lisa Pacheco those present are Selectmen Paul Sadeck, Selectman Lee Baumgartner and Town Administrator Jack Healey. The meeting is being recorded by MCCAM and Selectman Sadeck and John Garcia from Standard Times. Selectman Pacheco reads the Agenda aloud.

**Signing of Biweekly payroll/vendor warrants  
Weekly Public Discussion period**

**Consent Agenda:**

**Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:**

- Ambulance Abatement for Month of September 2014, submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve in the amount of \$38,517.91. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Set Snow Plow Rates for winter 2014/2015. Mr. Macomber would like the plow contractors to have a \$5.00 increase and delete cutting edges. Many communities have been getting away from this. Mr. Macomber is recommending \$61/\$63/\$65 which will still leave us shorter than the other communities. Selectman Pacheco says maybe we should go \$63/\$65/\$66, more towards other communities. Selectman Baumgartner asks Mr. Macomber if he is comfortable with \$61/\$63/\$65. Mr. Macomber says yes he is and if they are paying for their cutting edge then they may be more mindful of what they do. Selectman Sadeck ask how many subcontractors do we hire. Mr. Macomber says about 32 and we have 8 Town units. Selectman Sadeck asks how many hours are out for a normal snow event. Mr. Macomber says they are guaranteed 4 hours minimum. Mr. Alderson asks what other communities are doing. Mr. Macomber explains that Freetown is lower on average than other communities. Selectman Baumgartner says if you recommend that then we should go with it. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to set the rates at \$61/\$63/\$65 and no cutting edges. Passed unanimously.
- Lang Road – Mr. Macomber explains the state said Chapter 90 will pay \$32,040.00 for this; however the Conservation Commission may be a difficult process. That will start in 2 weeks and that could possibly make the price go up tremendously. We will know more

after that meeting. Mr. Macomber, once this is done and Kendyl is an accepted Town Road, would like to make Land Road a One Way Road.

- Sign Warrant for State Election, as submitted by Jacqueline Brown, Town Clerk. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Town Administrator's Report Action Items-
  - Solar Project Update – Mr. Healey has been working with Atty. Holland and the School to try and work out an IMA and we will also we have 2 articles for the Special Town Meeting. He also met with Karen Mello regarding the PILOT. He sent information off to the Board of Assessors to ask for the Board's opinion and Karen told him that they wouldn't be comfortable with a PILOT. Selectman Pacheco says that we will wait to hear from the Assessors. Selectman Sadeck asks without the PILOT does the purchase for metering go away. Mr. Healey says no. The savings would be \$7,376. And the school would save \$8,063.
  - Needs and Space Study – Mr. Healey says the study is complete. He has several Boards for them to view that show the various options. He also met with the Department Heads and we spoke about their needs. He shows the Central Complex – In this option the Police Department would be in the basement and this wouldn't allow for them to have any storage. The next level shows the Council on Aging/Town Administrator/Building Dept and Planning. This wouldn't be enough space for the Council on Aging. The alternative that meets most Dept. Heads needs is the Town Hall Connector. For this option we need the Sewer to be connected down the street. Selectman Pacheco says the Town and this Board asked us to do this study she would have liked the Company to come in and have done a presentation of this not the Town Administrator. She would have liked to have heard everyone's thoughts on this. Selectman Sadeck says the process started before Mr. Healey. This package isn't binding on anything. He is concerning on the costing summary. Selectman Sadeck is happy that Mr. Healey went forward with this however there is a lot that needs to be done still. The problem is when we go through the debt exclusion it will affect everyone. Selectman Baumgartner says there is so much to think about regarding this. We have to weigh a lot of things now and the Town Hall should probably not even be inhabited now. Selectman Pacheco says we can't sell this to the Town now we need to have a community meeting. We need to see this company that we paid. Selectman Baumgartner says but at some point we need to make a recommendation. We have to think about a lot. Mr. Healey says he will do a detailed report. Selectman Pacheco would like to hear from the Dept. Heads themselves. Mr. Healey says we have \$34,000 to design a Library from a matching grant in 2001. The next stage is a Selection process. Phil Falzarano from the Finance Committee states we should be building for the future not for now. We should be looking at the projection for Freetown's growth in the future. Brad Paiva, Finance Committee Chairman says to piecemeal it. Bob Alderson also on the Finance Committee says the population hasn't changed that much in 20 years. Mr. Healey states we need to extend the sewer line. We have a AA+ Bond rating. Selectman Pacheco says we need to extend the Sewer line down

South Main Street and the only way we can do that is by putting in the Sewer line. We keep saying we need to earmark money and this is the way we would like to go.

- Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to grant Mr. Healey to seek proposals from engineering firms to extend the right sewer fence main. Passed unanimously.
  - Republic – all the documents have been signed and delivered and he expects to get it soon and it will be ready by the Town Meeting.
  - Regional School Committee meeting regarding law suit – No the Board will not attend. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to decline the invitation.
  - Storage for Chief Abbott – Chief Abbott states they have no more room for storage and they explored the option at the Old School house but that will not work for them. We would like to purchase a container. 40' container to put all of our paper records into there. Then the shed will house the evidence. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to go along with Chief Abbott's recommendation. Passed unanimously.
  - Selectman Sadeck commends Sgt. Rose, Patrolman Ashley and Patrolman Fornachiari for the recent arrest.
- Vote on Articles on Warrant for Special Town Meeting.

Art 3 – Selectman Baumgartner states that he would like to do this for the families of Freetown so they can have a nice place to play. Mr. Alderson says maybe we can get a grant for this or someone can donate money for this. Selectman Pacheco says we need to look into the Parks and Rec. Committee.

Art 12 – Jared Connell confirmed that 11.5 cents per kilowatt hour. This Article is for the contract of the net metering agreement.

- To consider, review and act upon the Final Warrant Articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrants.- No Action taken at this time.
- Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes from April 22, 2014 and May 5 & 9, 2014. Motion to approve Minutes (Sadeck/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Review of Science & Technology Overlay District By-Law and 43 D applications. No Action taken at this time.

#### **Board of Health:**

#### **Personnel Board:**

- Discuss/Appoint letter send by Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board designating them Special Municipal Employees. Selectman Pacheco says she feels they should appoint at least one Board in her opinion. No further discussion to appoint any Board any Special Municipal Employee.

- Appoint Keven Desmarais and Lori Desmarais to Cultural Council, as recommended by John Remedis, Chairman. Motion to approve (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to appoint. Passed unanimously.

**New Business**

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen, Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> and Fall Special Town Meeting Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

- Status of Feasibility study.
- Freetown Elementary lease agreement.
- Pending report of South Main Bridge scheduled for October 2014.
- Pond Level.
- Grass Mowing at FYAA fields.
- Union negotiation meeting.
- Meeting with DESE.

**Executive Session:**

Motion to Adjourn (Sadeck/Baumgartner) at 8:15P.M. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant